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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 03/25/2006

REF: A. MUSCAT 0441

[B](#). MUSCAT 0408

[C](#). MUSCAT 0382

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. William R. Stewart.  
Reason: 1.4(c).

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Summary  
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[1](#)1. (SBU) The Charge chaired a meeting of the full Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on March 25 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting (reftel A), and agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

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Local Security Environment  
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[1](#)2. (SBU) On March 25, the Charge chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Members noted no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community. Likewise, the EAC cited no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

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Unsubstantiated Threat: Update  
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[1](#)3. (SBU) The meeting continued with RSO reporting that, according to updated information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the American Citizen (Amcit) wife of Omani national Hilal Hasan Ali JAAFAR recanted her March 8 allegation to an FBI agent that JAAFAR threatened to "bomb" or "blow up" the U.S. Embassy in Oman (NFI)(reftels B and C). JAAFAR's wife has not, however, recanted her subsequent allegation that JAAFAR threatened harm to anyone from the Embassy who attempts contact with his Amcit son. As a result, any "Welfare and Whereabouts" visits to JAAFAR's Amcit son will be closely coordinated with Consular Affairs and RSO. NOTE: This case is the latest in a series of events connected with an emotionally charged custody battle involving JAAFAR, his wife, and their three Amcit children, one of whom is residing with JAAFAR in Oman. END NOTE. (CT08-0306-328-0231)

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Sustained Vigilance  
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[1](#)4. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, ARSO reiterated that members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile, and remaining unpredictable and situationally aware. ARSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

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EAC Conclusion  
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[1](#)5. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on March 22 (reftel A). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either

occur. CDA, P/E, MGT, RSO, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO,  
and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.  
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